

"Keeping Conestoga College connected"



Students, faculty and staff scrambled to get off the Doon campus after a bomb threat was called into the school on Nov. 29. Traffic was backed up around the ring road. People reported being stuck from 20 minutes to an hour in parking lots.
(Photo by Leanne Moses)

Bomb threat!

Doon campus evacuated after threatening call

By Leanne Moses

Students, faculty and staff scrambled to get off the Doon campus by car and by bus after all buildings were evacuated following a bomb threat.

The threat turned out to be a hoax.

According to Barry Milner, manager of physical resources, the evacuation was ordered after a phone call was received by a security guard around 11 a.m. Wednesday Nov. 29.

Milner said a male caller said a bomb was set to detonate at 1 p.m.

Milner said the announcement to evacuate all the buildings went out about 11:50 a.m. over the public address system.

The children in the day care were transferred to Tallpines Childcare.

Members of the emergency response team, made up of staff volunteers, made a quick check of public areas for suspicious packages, Milner said. He said the team felt, because of the time given by the caller, that they had time to work.

When nothing was found, it was decided to clear the buildings.

Public relations director John Sawicky said because the location of the bomb was not known all buildings on the campus were evacuated.

Although an announcement was made, many parts of the main building are not connected by the public address

system. Students and teachers reported not hearing the announcement.

At 12:25, according to Milner, the fire alarm was pulled.

The day following the evacuation, students and teachers said it took from 20 minutes to an hour to get out of the parking lots and traffic jams around the campus.

Milner said the Emergency Response Team and college officials would be meeting to evaluate the evacuation and review recommendations.

"We have not had a great number of bomb threats. This is the first in approximately 12 years," Milner said.

The evacuation procedure was completed about eight months ago.

Conestoga beats 25 colleges in energy efficiency

By Amy Wroblewski

Conestoga College received recognition for its energy conservation methods.

Director of physical resources, David Putt, said the college has been awarded a plaque because Conestoga was the most energy-efficient of 25 Ontario colleges.

The Educational Task Force on Energy plaque was presented by the Committee of Physical Plant Directors of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO).

According to Putt, ACAATO will meet once a year to submit figures pertaining to energy usage and other considerations.

Putt said although Conestoga has been dubbed the most energy efficient college, the claim isn't entirely correct.

"We put in more changes than other colleges, but we aren't the most efficient," he said. "Others may have already made changes, but we are starting to see the returns."

Conestoga is also making plans to step up energy conservation at the college.

The college has a contract with Honeywell Ltd. who is designing an energy program for Conestoga because the college lacks funds to implement such measures. Putt said there are two parts to the contract; electrical and mechanical.

As part of the mechanical side of this program, are computer controlled air flow. Currently, when heat is needed in certain areas of the college, the motors run at full speed and direct air to the entire college. Through the new system, each room could have its own thermostat and the motor would run only enough to heat the affected rooms.

Also, Honeywell Ltd. will continue to replace current T-12 light fixtures with T-8 fixtures. The T-8 fixtures use less energy and are easier on the eyes because they give a softer, more consistent light.

Putt said this contract with Honeywell is costing \$1.4 million.

As the college can't afford to pay upfront, Conestoga arranged for Honeywell Ltd. to pay the cost. The savings made from the energy conservation techniques

will go towards paying off the contract.

Putt said Honeywell has guaranteed savings in a fixed year. If the college doesn't save what Honeywell Ltd. has guaranteed, Honeywell makes up the difference.

If the college saves more than what has been outlined, it has the option of keeping the difference or putting it towards paying of the contract. "This is a win, win situation. We can't lose," Putt said.

Conestoga has also taken other, simpler measures to conserve energy said Putt.

In the main buildings, lights are turned off at night and on weekends and the heat is turned down after hours.

In all parking lots, except lot 12, the lights turn off at midnight while lot 12 turns off at 2:00 a.m. The lights in the parking lots have been converted to high pressure sodium lights, which are the most efficient available.

"This is not a small pile of beans," said Putt. "The college spends over a million dollars in utilities. It is very worthwhile trying to save that money."

This week in the news

Fanshawe layoffs not related to Conestoga

The recently announced plan to lay off 68 faculty at Fanshawe College in London has no relationship to the economic statement issued November 29 by the Harris government says the president of the union local representing Conestoga Faculty.

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Faculty to get new computers

College council met Nov. 13 and discussed, among other things, the need for new faculty computers.

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Tsubouchi to be greeted by demonstrators

The Waterloo Regional Coalition for Social Justice is planning a panel and demonstration Thursday, Dec. 7 to 'welcome' Community and Social Services Minister David Tsubouchi at the Kitchener Public Library. The basic issue to be discussed is that workfare does not work.

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We all need someone to lean on

Lending support to students in need is this year's theme for Doon and Waterloo campus. Students at both campuses are working to ensure all Conestoga students have food and clothing essentials over the Christmas season.

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Winter driving needs caution

Winter driving conditions can be treacherous, and common sense should prevail when driving on roads and in the parking lots.

Conestoga's physical resources staff work hard to ensure the lots are as safe as possible, but cautious driving is the key to ensuring an accident-free winter.

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Rally for child care

Students on the Doon campus organized a rally to protest against the Harris government's cuts to day care subsidies. While many day cares closed, the Doon day care stayed open in support of parents.

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Hemingway Corner hitting stride

With their sophomore release Hemingway Corner has a different look but more of the same good sound. The band is touring with Jann Arden and on Nov. 25 they came to Lulu's.

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Shuffling off to Buffalo

Ninety-four Conestoga students headed off to Buffalo for a DSA sponsored event, a Buffalo Bills game. While the Bills blew a fourth quarter lead the group still enjoyed the trip.

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Hockey Condors beat Peterborough

Dewayne Kropf led the team to a 5-3 victory with two goals and three assists.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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News briefs

Final K-W LETS session

- The K-W LETS (Local Employment and Trading System) people will be holding their final session to educate K-W residents about this alternative economic system. It will take place on Thursday Dec. 7 at the Adult Recreation Centre at 185 King St. S., Waterloo from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information call the LETS line at 749-1911.

Final G. L. A. D. meeting

- Gays and Lesbians at Doon (G.L.A.D.) will be holding its final meeting of 1995 on Mon. Dec. 11. For information concerning location and time contact Joan Magazine in Student Services.

OSAP notice

- Anyone affected by social assistance rate reductions may apply to be reassessed for additional OSAP funding. The financial aid office requires either a statement showing the reduced rate or a document from social services that shows the actual amount of the revised level of assistance. A brief note including a student number and requesting a review is also needed. For more information contact student services.

Christmas in the Sanctuary

- Conestoga College students are welcome to join in the festivities from Dec. 5-7 in the Sanctuary. Featured events include Christmas specials on the television, Christmas presents and getting your picture taken with Santa. Eggnog and hot chocolate will be served at this event.

Children's Christmas party

- The Doon Student Association is holding a Christmas party for children, Sunday, Dec. 3 from 2-4 p.m. This event, which will be held in the Sanctuary, is free to those who bring a non-perishable food item. Those interested should sign up in the DSA office.

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 27 story, Continuing education enrolment hits high, it was stated that the 4.9 per cent increase in fall enrolment included registrations for which Conestoga bills a company. In fact, the numbers do not include such registrations.

Tsubouchi to visit K-W "Welcome wagon" awaits minister

By Linda Yovanovich

Community and Social Services Minister David Tsubouchi will speak at a conference at the Kitchener Public Library on Dec. 7 where an unofficial welcoming committee will be awaiting him.

The Waterloo Regional Coalition for Social Justice is planning a panel and demonstration to take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., said the coalition's co-chair Lucy Harrison in a phone interview.

The panel, called "Out in the Cold," will include speeches by people from different places who say they have seen that workfare does not work.

Harrison said she hopes three speakers from Quebec, New Brunswick and Michigan, who have been affected by workfare programs will speak at the demonstration.

She said the objective of the panel is to show the "human effects" of workfare. She added that existing cuts will also be discussed.

Harrison said people are encouraged to bring empty tuna cans with messages taped around them for "Mr. Tsubouchi."

The basic issue, said Harrison, is workfare does not work.

The training people receive is worthless because there are no jobs, she said.

Harrison said there are various reasons for the demonstration.

She said some believe it is only a small number of people who do not like the cuts the Progressive Conservatives are making in Ontario.

However, she added it is an increasing number of people who are unhappy with the Harris government.

She said she wants the panel to present a constant voice of discontent of the majority.

"The cuts are being done for the corporate elite," she said.

The labor union people will also be at the panel because they, like many others, are seeing the cuts as "an assault on the working people" as a whole, Harris said.

"Child care workers are also looking at this as a way to voice their opinions about this government's cuts."

She added people are concerned about the effects general assistance cuts are having on people.

Cuts will not affect Conestoga Fanshawe lays off 68 faculty

By Perry Hagerman

The recent layoff announcement concerning 68 faculty members at Fanshawe College in London has nothing to do with the Harris government or Conestoga College, said John Berry, president of Local 237.

Berry, the president of the local which represents the faculty, librarians and counsellors at Conestoga, said the layoffs announced Nov. 16 were a result of an outstanding local contract agreement.

Prior to the social contract, said Berry, Local 110 which represents the faculty at Fanshawe had negotiated with their college a "no layoff" condition in their contract.

The condition states that during the period of the contract, no faculty members can be laid off.

As funding for sponsored programs such as Jobs Ontario and Futures was reduced, the need for the faculty at Fanshawe was reduced, said Berry.

The "no layoff" clause was developed as a result of the friction between the union local and Fanshawe College at the time. "Fanshawe was Number 1 in the system for grievances," Berry said. "They had a real war there."

Even though the agreement had support from the college management and the union, not all colleges or locals agreed with the strategy.

"There was a mixed bag of feelings," said Berry. Some other locals tried to get the same agreement, some college presidents didn't like the agreement and the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union (OPSEU) was not very supportive.

"OPSEU felt that the local went too far." Although locals are allowed to enter into agreements with the college, there are defined limits, Berry said.

When the Fanshawe contract expires on April 1, 1996, the layoff notices will be sent.

Because union members cannot be laid off until three months after they receive a notice, the first layoff will not take effect until July 1, 1996.



John Berry, president of local 237, said layoffs at Fanshawe have nothing to do with the Harris government or Conestoga. (Photo by Leanne Moses)

In other union news, the Local 237 met with its membership Nov. 27.

Among items discussed was what demands the members would like to see in the upcoming contract negotiations with the government.

The local's demands are then taken to Toronto and compared with demands from the other locals to develop a package to be presented to the government negotiators, said Berry.

Provincially, the Ontario Federation of Labor (OFL) has scheduled a one-day strike in December for the city of London.

There is widespread speculation that if the strike is judged to be successful, Kitchener will be the next city targeted for a one-day strike in January, said Berry.

College earmarks \$25,000 for computers

By Jeannette Cantin

College President John Tibbits informed the college council that \$25,000 has been allocated for purchasing new computers on an as-needed priority basis for faculty use.

The minutes from the Nov. 13 meeting said it was decided computer services and campus principals will work together to determine where the computer dollars should go.

Student computer use is still under discussion.

Also addressed at the meeting was the employee evaluation system currently in place for faculty. Tibbits said an evaluation system for department chairs is being developed by the evaluation committee and assured council that students, faculty and administration will be represented in this matter.

The college council is made up of staff, faculty, administration and

student representatives and has been meeting once a month since September 1988 to advise the college president on academic issues.

These issues include program and curriculum goals and standards, teaching standards and methodology, grading and promotion policies, student appeals policies, standards of student conduct and discipline and student awards and scholarships.

College council will meet again on Dec. 4.

Career corner

Submitted by Laurie Doersam

Selling your skills

One of the most difficult things about finding work is becoming comfortable with the idea of selling yourself.

From the time we learn to talk and interact with others we have been taught modesty.

Modesty is certainly preferable to egoism, but when job searching, a little egoism can go a long way.

To help yourself become more comfortable with "bragging" about yourself, it is a good idea to spend some time identifying your skills.

All your life experiences are invaluable.

Summer jobs, part-time work, extra-curricular activities, volunteer work etc.... Draw upon all your experiences, not just those you were paid for.

Helping to arrange your high school graduation, for instance, required a multitude of skills.

Teamwork, organization, creativity, responsibility, and adaptability, to name a few.

The two types of skills

You can divide your *skills* into two categories.

Time management skills can be used to describe personal strengths. These skills are often overlooked because they are acquired early in life.

Functional skills are either talents you are born with, or talents you acquired through experience and/or education. It is surprising how many abilities you have when you really think about it.

Where to begin

The *Student Employment* office has some good tips and ideas to help you reveal to prospective employers how your life experiences can be translated into skills that are invaluable in the workplace!

CAMPUS NEWS

Supporting students in need

By Heather Milburn Graham

Students at Waterloo campus are holding their first food drive to help support students at their campus.

"The food drive was developed on a short-term basis. We just wanted to get the ball rolling," said Vivian Horovitch, a student services counsellor at Waterloo campus.

The food drive, which started on Nov. 15 and will run until Dec. 22, has received excellent support from the faculty, staff and students at the campus, she said.

She said the drive was prompted by two student forums which focused on students dealing with cutbacks to their social assistance cheques. "Last month we didn't really see a big drop in money be-

cause we received our clothing allowance of \$105. This month is the first time we'll feel the loss," said Sally Thomson, an academic upgrading student at Waterloo campus. Thomson said starting the food drive early was important because organizers are expecting an increase of use throughout the Christmas season. "We don't want to be a crutch," said Thomson. "We just want to provide a little boost over the edge."

"Horovitch said although organizers have advertised, no money donations have been given. These donations, she said, would be used to purchase Zehrs food vouchers for any perishable items that are requested. She said the future of the drive is uncertain as she and Thom-

son are finished at the college on Dec. 14 and Dec. 20 respectively.

She said it will be assessed and evaluated at the next student forum scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 6, by those interested in re-opening it.

The campus recently held a two-day clothing drive on Nov. 9 and 10 which attracted over 150 people.

The Doon campus DSA is also lending support this holiday season by holding a Christmas food drive from Nov. 20 to Dec. 22.

"We're preparing to have enough food to supply the normal influx of students through the Christmas season plus those affected by cutbacks to social assistance programs," said Nada Swan, the DSA director of student life.

As with previous food drives, students can leave non-perishable food items in any of the boxes placed around the school or bring them to the DSA office directly. She said cash donations are welcome for the purchase of Zehrs food vouchers.

The DSA attempted to boost support by charging food items as entrance fees for the recent euchre tournament and the coming children's Christmas party.

She said the staff and students of Rodeway Suites are offering support by holding their own food drive competition where all donations are given to the college's student food drive.



Sally Thomson, an academic upgrading student at Waterloo campus, displays some of the food donations to their first food drive (Photo by Heather Milburn Graham)

Parking staff set for winter

By Jeannette Cantin

The snow is here to stay, and that means parking staff is in winter mode says Barry Milner, manager of physical resources.

For Milner, it means setting his alarm two or three times a night when a weather disturbance is scheduled to blow through, then getting up at 5 a.m. to inform the campuses of the conditions.

The maintenance of the parking lots in winter is the joint responsibility of contracted snow removal forces and campus staff, Milner said.

When a sudden snow squall hits, for example, campus staff will go out immediately to sand the sidewalks to try and relieve the treacherous conditions.

He added the college has a reliable system in place and has never had to shut down due to lack of response.

Different campus locations have different weather systems and so Milner spends a lot of his time in contact with a network of sources getting last minute and long-range weather readings. He said overnight security and house-keeping staff also remain on alert and keep the resource department informed of local conditions.

On some days, a morning snowfall will obscure the lines in the parking lot. Parking in such conditions requires common sense and security keeps the morning conditions in mind when doing rounds.

It's important at this time of year, Milner said, that no one parks over-

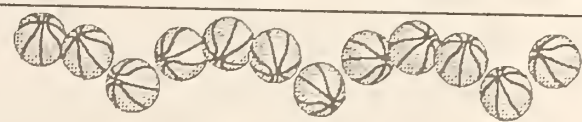
night at any of the parking lots as it interferes with the clearing of snow.

Milner said winter accidents on campus shouldn't be a problem if everyone exercises good judgement and follows the speed limit of 15 kilometres per hour.

"If your car is registering any mileage at all you're going too fast," Milner said.

Parking privileges can be revoked, Milner added. If a driver or pedestrian wants to complain about inappropriate driving on campus, Milner said to give security a licence plate number.

Security will then meet with the offender and inform him or her that continued reckless driving will lead to suspended or revoked parking privileges.



Christmas Gift Idea #23:

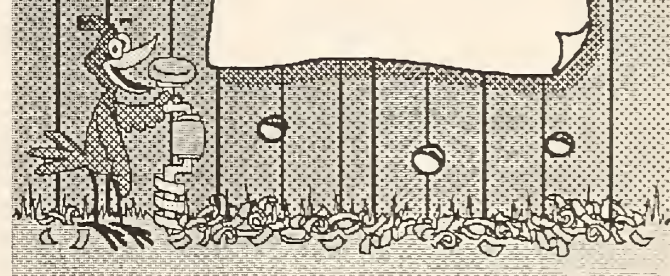
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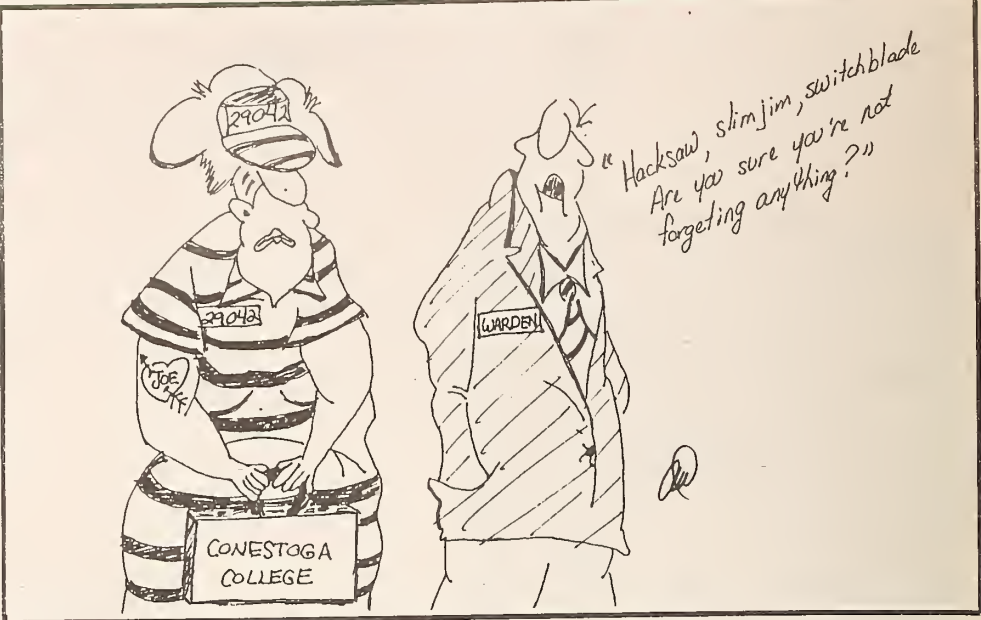
Conestoga corner



By Pete Smith

Wearing your heart on your ashtray

With the recent death of Russian figure skater and two-time Olympic gold medalist, Sergei Grinkov, I have found myself contemplating my own mortality.
By this, I don't mean that I am tossing and turning all night and consulting a Ouija board or anything, but I do think about it.
Grinkov was only 28 years old and doctors say he died of a massive heart attack. This is a scary prospect.
There was a time when I assumed I would not have to worry about my heart until well into my 40s at the earliest. But my views on heart conditions have recently been quite altered.
My uncle Bill died of a heart attack four years ago at the age of 36.
Only a few weeks ago, my girlfriend's uncle died of a heart attack, also at the age of 36.
Two years ago, a high school buddy of mine dropped dead on the basketball court, the victim of a heart attack. He was 21.
I am aware that heart disease and high blood pressure run in my family on my dad's side but, despite this, I have not been to see the doctor for a physical in quite some time. In fact, I can't remember the last time my family doctor gave me the once over.
After any death, the victim is talked about and things come out that were never really thought of before they died.
After my uncle Bill's death, it was discovered that no one really remembered him ever going to have a checkup. Then, of course, the classic "if only's" are thrown out.
"If only he'd been to see the doctor more regularly."
"If only he hadn't smoked so much."
"If only I'd made him go to the doctor when he mentioned chest pains a week ago."
As I approach my 25th birthday, I find myself wondering when my time is going to come. I have been smoking for almost half my life and I am at the point where a heavy night of smoking makes my chest feel heavy the next morning.
Occasionally I get sharp, stabbing pains in my chest in the general area I know my heart occupies.
I find running a silly waste of time, unless I am running to the corner store to buy more cigarettes.
Grinkov was only three years older than I am now when he died. He was in great physical condition, except that his heart stopped working, and, as far as I know, he did not smoke.
As twentysomethings, we have to come to the realization that we are not immortal. Anyone who has any history of heart disease in his or her family should really consider routine checkups because, once you're gone, it's too late.
I think I'll go in for a checkup tomorrow ... oh wait. I'm busy tomorrow.
Maybe I'll go next week ...



Just a thought

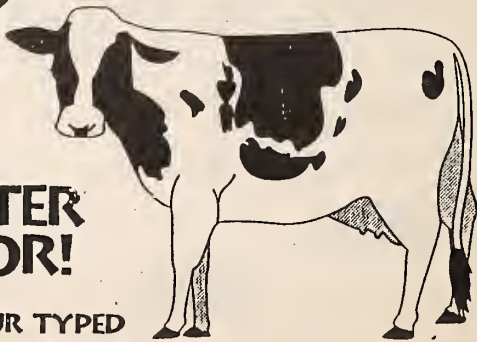


By Samantha Craggs

Fast food restaurants: the big McScam

A couple of days ago I went through a McDonald's drive-thru and got a Big Mac combo. I asked the woman for extra salt and vinegar. She gave me one salt and when I opened the vinegar I shot myself in the eye and was blinded for a week. It took me a good 20 minutes to get my order and when I drove up to the window to pay she was chomping on a wad of gum and looking at me as though I was wasting her time.
Up until a month ago I worked in the fast food industry (KFC to be exact) so I understand how long the shifts seem and how rude the customers can be, but I always made an effort to smile and appear reasonably intelligent.
Don't you need basic math and English skills to work in a fast food restaurant? Apparently not. Last month I went through a Burger King drive through and ordered Whopper combo and an individual Whopper with cheese. I spoke loudly and tried to make it very clear what I wanted.
"I want a Whopper combo and another single Whopper with cheese," I said.
"That's a plain Whopper and a Whopper combo with cheese?"
"No! That's a plain Whopper combo and an individual Whopper with cheese," I said.
"So the Whopper with the combo is plain?"
"Yes! A plain, ordinary, run-of-the-mill Whopper."
I drove up to the window, by this time ready to strangle the wench, and when I drove away I looked in the bag and saw that both Whoppers were plain — no pickles, no ketchup, no mustard, nothing. All it consisted of was meat-like substance on a sesame seed bun.
A couple of weeks ago I went into a Subway in Brantford and was greeted by a gibbon in a green shirt and visor. The shirt was covered in white stains (which I hope were bleach) and his long hair was hanging loose and every time he moved his head, some of his hair landed in the lettuce. His name tag read "Mike", and I couldn't believe some employer had been stupid enough to hire Mike. When I walked in he was over flirting with the girls at Mary Brown's Chicken and playing with his dreadlock beard. Not since the Spoke office had I seen such an utter lack of personal hygiene. Needless to say, I didn't feel like eating a sub any more.
How hard is it to wash your hair and brush your teeth before coming to work? It doesn't take that much energy to smile and nod when a customer comes to spend \$10 at your work place, no matter how bad your day is going.
And last but not least, nobody gives enough condiments. I put an unhealthy amount of salt on my french fries, but I am paying \$5.85 for my meal and that is how I like to prepare my food. I realize that when the fast food worker gives one ketchup between two people that he or she is following orders, but is anyone really going to notice if they give out too many ketchups? Will lightning strike them down? I don't understand it, but from now on I'm eating at home.

GOT A BEEF?



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TAKING SIDES

Should the inmates of the new women's correctional centre be allowed to attend Conestoga College?

Education builds hope for the future



By Samantha Craggs

Where would you be if you didn't have an education?

Virtually all jobs require a grasp of English, basic math and some sort of marketable skill. If you don't have these things you don't have a job, and without a job there is no sense of purpose.

This is what causes people to turn to a life of crime.

Aileen Wuornos, a Florida prostitute who killed her clients, didn't finish high school. Would she have turned out the same had she been offered a college education?

I'm not saying that ignorance is an excuse, but knowledge would help the inmates of the women's prison in Kitchener not be repeat offenders.

Many of these women had fallen into a vicious cycle of abuse and took the only conceivable way out. They are not offenders who committed acts of random violence against innocent, unsuspecting citizens.

The inmates of the new correctional centre deserve to be punished, there is no disputing that. They have committed crimes and are not fit to be in society. Some have committed murder, but what the statistics don't tell you is that many of these women were victims of violence who killed their abusers.

Many women who dealt drugs saw it as the only alternative, and the drug abusers did it because they lacked self-esteem. Education will give them the choice to not return to their old lifestyle when they are released.

If the inmates of the Kitchener prison have marketable skills when they are released, then it will diminish their chance of being repeat offenders.

Many of the women in the prison have families. If they have job opportunities, they can provide for their families without doing something illegal.

For those concerned with violence, there have only been three instances in Canada in the past 20 years where women have escaped from prison, and when they did they went home to see their families.

This is hardly the action of a blood-thirsty maniac.

The American prison the Kitchener one was modelled after has been operational for over three years and there have been no escapes and no violent outbursts.

The bottom line is the system will not allow cold-blooded murderers to attend class.

Those coming to Conestoga will be the medium and minimum security prisoners who want to do their time and get out of there. These are the ones who will be out in a few years with no skills and nowhere to go unless they get an education.

campus comments



"No. I think if they're in prison they should be serving their sentence and not be let out."

Jen Windsor

Law and security administration

"No. If they're still serving their sentence they're not ready to be introduced back into society."

Mike Heenan

Broadcasting, radio and television



"Yes. If they're attempting to reform nobody should get in their way."

Mike O'Drowsky

Materials management



"Yes. They deserve an education as much as we do."

Jon Grnca

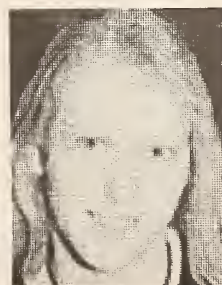
Marketing



"No. They'll be bringing their habits here, and we've got enough problems."

Nadine Lasenby

Accounting



"Yes, if they're monitored well. I think it's a good opportunity for them to get an education."

Amy Lohr

Accounting



Attending college is a privilege not a right



By Leanne Moses

When our new neighbors move into the prison down the street, we may be seeing more of them.

Women prisoners from the correctional facilities located on Homer Watson Boulevard may be attending the campus as students.

These women have been incarcerated because they have committed crimes which have been judged to warrant punishment and segregation from the rest of society.

Attending school is a privilege.

And a mighty expensive one at that.

While we were earning our tuition, saving money to live on for a few years, working part-time jobs on top of doing homework and studying, and putting in all those other hard earned hours to enable ourselves to afford the privilege of an education, it seems all we had to do was get ourselves charged with a crime.

Never has getting an education been so easy. Or so cheap.

Should law abiding citizens, through their tax dollars pay for the schooling of people who have broken laws?

Prisons separate people considered a danger to society.

School is a part of society and as such, should also be considered off-limits.

While these women are not considered to be dangerous, some are in for drug-related crimes.

Although Conestoga is not a haven for drug dealers, by the same token, unless these women are closely monitored, they may have access to the substances which put them behind bars in the first place.

These women are not exactly the cream of society. Yet, students are considered to be among the best that society produces. While students may act as role models for these people whose lives have taken a bad turn, the opposite may also happen. These women could just as easily influence for the worse some of the young, more impressionable students.

Jail is supposed to be a punishment. School is a privilege. Even if the prisoners pay their own tuition, schools are still heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Those who have broken laws do not deserve to benefit from the hard work of law-abiding citizens.

While an education is necessary to help reform the lives of these women, it should be at their own expense, and it should be in a venue where they are not a threat to others who have earned the privilege of being a part of this campus.

What message would we send by allowing prisoners to attend classes on campus?

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ECE students protested Nov. 24 against child care cuts. (Photo by Sean Webb)

ECE students protest child care cuts

By Sean Webb

Approximately 20 early childhood education (ECE) students marched through the halls of the Doon campus Nov. 24 to protest cuts in child care by the provincial government.

The demonstrators handed out blue ribbons and protest cards to supporters while singing a protest song to the *Teddy Bear's Picnic* melody.

The march began at the ECE centre and made stops at the cafeteria, student lounge, library and security office.

Many demonstrators said they were concerned there would not be any jobs available for them in the child-care profession when they graduated.

Gail Collins, a second-year ECE student said, "I got involved because this (child care) is my future. Mike Harris is cutting back on day-care centres and as of April 1 will be graduating and there might not be any jobs for me."

Cynthia Koehler, one of the students who organized the demonstration, said she was happy with the support people showed.

Koehler said she is afraid there may not be any day-care centres in the future and she is concerned with the current voucher system. According to Koehler, people on social assistance are eligible for a voucher from the government that pays approximately half of the cost for their child's day care.

Koehler said most people needing the assistance can't come up with

the other half of the money. If the cuts are allowed, Koehler said, people will have to settle with lower quality centres.

Roberta Geer, a second-year ECE student and mother, participated in the march. She said "I find this very important because I have a young daughter and if funding is cut my child care could be taken away from me. As an ECE student I will not have a career if the funding is cut, because there won't be enough jobs available."

Dawn Mittelholtz, president of the Doon Student Association, said she was not contacted by any of the organizers of the protest, but the DSA will support any actions students wish to take against the cuts as long as their actions are not violent.

Christian group comes to Conestoga

By Samantha Craggs

Carey Ruby said he went down to the D.S.A. office one day and learned that people had been asking if there was a group at Conestoga for Christians. There wasn't one.

Ruby, a computer programming student, said he decided to start Christians on Campus after hearing there was a demand for it. Ruby, 30, who regularly attends East Zorra Mennonite Church, wants his group to be a place where people can socialize.

"I'm not into the bar scene, and I think this is a group for people with similar interests," Ruby said.

He said he wants his group to be a place where denominations don't discriminate against each other. "Everyone is accepted here," Ruby said.

Ruby said Christians on Campus is the official name unless he and the group can come up with a better one.

Ruby's right hand man is Jim DeMarsh. DeMarsh volunteers at the special needs office every Wednesday and Ruby said he encouraged him to go for it.

"Jim has a leadership role," Ruby said. "Without Jim, I wouldn't be able to do it."

Ruby said he's not sure what the


meetings will be like because the group is new. He said Bible study wouldn't work because students have heavy course loads. This is the same with heavy discussion.

Ruby said the meetings are currently at 11:30 Wednesdays in the special needs office, but that time slot may change because everyone has classes then.

He said anyone who wants to come to the meetings but has a class should contact him and give him a preferred time.

Anyone interested in joining the group or offering words of encouragement can contact Carey Ruby at the special needs office.

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CONESTOGA LIFE

Bond fans can celebrate

By Perry Hagerman

If audience reaction is any indication, fans of James Bond have been eagerly awaiting the return of their favorite character who has a licence to kill. As the familiar spectacular opening stunts took place, the audience cheered and jeered at all of the right moments.

Goldeneye reincarnates Bond in the nearest manner to the heady days when Sean Connery played 007. Although no one can play Bond like Connery, Pierce Brosnan manages to hold his own and at the same time bring Bond closer to the politically-correct 90s.

There is little need to describe the plot. It is Bond versus the bad guy who is threatening London, England, the world, the solar system etc. The key to any new Bond picture is in the details, special effects, maiming methods and of course, the women.

But the real question for any Bond fan is about the performance of Pierce Brosnan. After passing up the opportunity to portray Bond more than five years ago due to contractual TV obligations, Brosnan has finally taken the plunge

and Bond fans can be thankful he did.

Brosnan spent years portraying the debonair private eye Remington Steele on TV. This really seems to help him as 007. It is very subtle, but he looks comfortable handling the assorted weaponry. He moves and fights like a pro. Anyone can deliver what qualifies as the dialogue, but Bond is a man who lives through his actions. Brosnan pulls it off because he can deliver the necessary physical presence. Fans can look forward to the future as Brosnan settles even more into the role.

Izabella Scorupco plays the latest threatened femme, Natalya Simonova. In keeping with the updating of the movie, Simonova cannot only mostly take care of herself, but her physique can best be described as waif-like. No heaving bosoms here, and only one dimly lit shot of her in a bathing suit. Times have definitely changed.

Goldeneye is not totally devoid of voluptuous women. The evil Xenia Onatopp played by Femke Janson is amazonian in stature and derives particular pleasure in both giving and receiving pain.

Onatopp is the best character in the movie outside of Bond. Initially, she seems a little over-the-top, but she somehow manages to be consistent enough to let the audience develop a twisted empathy with her character.

If there is any shortcoming in the movie, it is the special effects. The traditional opening sequences and stunts are ambitious, even by Bond standards. The only problem is that the audience has to not only suspend its knowledge of basic physics but also previous experience with movie 'special effects. Bond movies have never been that concerned with Sir Isaac Newton's laws, but the special effects are inconsistent in quality.

It is almost as if the movie had a budget for "X" number of special effects, but required "X + 5". There are some effects that are incredibly good and some in which the audience might expect Godzilla to come crashing in from off camera.

The future of Bond is bright with Brosnan on board. Those fans who have passed on the previous two Bond films because of Timothy Dalton playing 007, should definitely give it a try.

No cutting corners

Hemingway Corner keep singing *Under the Big Sky*

By Steve Tuckwood

Two years ago Hemingway Corner was a duo act cruising along on the success of their first album.

Today they are a trio with only one original member, and everything is good again.

When Johnny Douglass decided he wanted to write and produce music rather than tour, David Martin had to find another band member; instead he got two.

Mark Sterling, an Edmonton native, and Scott Dibble, a long time Toronto studio musician, joined Martin and began recording right away.

Dibble, by no means a newcomer, has worked with such artists as Barenaked Ladies and Gordie Johnson of Big Sugar.

The result was their first album as a trio, *Under the Big Sky*.

The next result was a cross-Canada tour with Juno winner Jann Arden which will take Hemingway Corner to the far reaches of Canada and hopefully, with CD sales, into a few more Canadian homes.

Sterling, in an interview from Montreal last week, said the tour has been going great since it began two months ago in St. John's, Nfld.

"Working with Jann Arden has been great so far," said Sterling. "And the places we have played have been either sold out or pretty close to it."

Sterling said as an opening act the group has been treated well by the crowds, some of whom may never have heard of them before.

"Sometimes you get these looks like nobody has heard of you," said Sterling. "But most shows you can catch a few people singing along with at least a few of the songs, so you know at least someone bought the album."

Under the Big Sky offers 13 tracks including a cover of Neil Young's Tell Me Why, a song they recorded for the *Borrowed Tunes* album.

Hemingway Corner's self-titled debut release saw two tracks reach reasonably high on the Canadian charts. "Man On A Mission" and "Love, Love, Love" were the two songs which put the band on the

map.

With the change in lineup came a change in management and the band decided to follow their new manager, Bob Osmond, to Halifax, N.S. and call that home.

"The shows in Halifax were really interesting because we wanted to achieve a bit of that hometown feel, and we did," said Sterling.

The new lineup, while different, rides on the same sounds and harmonies that got the band there before.

"Some of the songs on the album were written by David (Martin) and Johnny (Douglass) while they were on tour last time so that is why the sound is generally the same," said Sterling. "But I think that each time we play those songs Scott (Dibble) and I tend to make them ours as well."

The tour brought the band to Lulu's for a show on Nov. 25, before heading west and ending the tour sometime before Christmas.

Sterling said the band plans to headline its own tour in the spring with Kitchener being a stop on the road for Hemingway Corner.

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SPORTS

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94 shuffle off to Buffalo to watch Bills lose a close one

By Steve Tuckwood

Ninety-Four people boarded a bus Nov. 26 and made the trek to Buffalo, in freezing cold, snowy weather, on a DSA subsidized and sponsored event to watch the Bills blow it in the fourth quarter.

The DSA, which planned to only send one bus, was flooded with interest the week before the trip and decided to up the number of spots by 47.

Nada Swan, DSA director of student life, said the association was extremely happy with the outcome of the event and hoped this would set the precedent for other trips.

"We knew the event would be popular," said Swan. "But we didn't think it would be this popular."

"With the amount that we subsidize some of the events I would hope that some of the students would take advantage of the deal,"

said Swan.

DSA director of entertainment Steve Geerts was one of the 94 who made the trip and said the most important part was that nobody got lost.

"We had pretty good seats (11th row in one of the end zones) and everybody that went had a good time."

Geerts said the fact that it was a close game and that the Bills only lost in the last few minutes made the

trip even more worthwhile.

A fourth quarter interception of a Jim Kelly pass put the game out of reach for the Bills at 35-25.

"It was rainy and wet and the metal seats were cold, but other than that it was a trip well worth running."

The ticket price of \$45 Canadian was a virtual steal considering the tickets normally run around \$33 American.

Throw in the price of the bus and

the fact that field level seats are difficult to find to begin with makes this an event that the DSA may consider running again next year.


While some other events like Maple Leaf games are too difficult to get tickets for, the Bills, Raptors and Blue Jays are all teams that allow events like these to be run.

Swan said she hoped events like the upcoming Raptors trip would turn out to be as popular with the students.

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Kropf leads Condors past Sir Sandford Fleming

By Scott Donnelly

Dewayne Kropf and Evan Anderson continued their torrid offensive streaks with a combined eight points as Conestoga won 5-3 in Peterborough, Nov. 26.

Condor coach Tony Martindale said Kropf had two goals and three assists and Anderson had one goal and two assists. He said that it is nice to see a rookie line having so much success but he does not want to rely solely on it.

"We've been getting most of our goals from that front line," said Martindale. "We'd like to spread it out a bit more."

Devin Stuebing played well in net for the Condors according to Martindale. He said he wants to keep both of his goalies in game shape in case of an injury. He also said the coaches were impressed with the play of Rob Taylor, in

net during the alumni games on Nov. 18.

Martindale said the teams were tied 2-2 after a close first period. The Condors then jumped ahead for good in the second on two power-play goals. Kropf scored the winning goal and Mark Calder got his first goal of the season said Martindale as the second period ended 5-3.

For the second consecutive game the Condors shut down their opponents in the third period. He said the team does not change their style of play or trying to sit on the third period leads.

"We've been stressing defence during practices and it's starting to work for the guys," he said. "We've got the guys thinking about the team and they have been concentrating more on defence than on scoring points."

Martindale said the team played

a disciplined game and despite the physical nature of it, they did not allow any power-play goals.

Jason Romanko and Joel Washkuruk played strong defensive games he said. Washkuruk has moved from forward to defense lately and Martindale said while he has a few things to learn, he has adjusted well to the shift.

The checking line, centered by Brian Parks, played their role effectively according to Martindale who said that would have to continue against Cambrian.

"They played well against Cambrian's top line last game when we won 6-5," said Martindale. "They shut down their top line which contains the leagues top two scorers."

The Condors have two more road games before the Christmas break and do not play at home again until Jan. 7.



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Men's Hockey

Standings:

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Cambrian	4	2	0	49	36	8
Conestoga	3	0	1	25	20	7
Seneca	3	2	1	34	34	7
S.S. Fleming (P)	1	2	0	15	17	2
S.S. Fleming (L)	0	2	0	12	19	0
Sault	0	3	0	14	23	0

League Results:

Nov. 24 Seneca	8	Sault	3
Nov. 25 Seneca	3	Cambrian	6
Nov. 26 Conestoga	5	S.S. Fleming(P)	3

Individual Statistics

Player/Team	G	A	P	PIM
T. Caley/Cam	13	12	25	6
B. McAskill/Cam	9	11	20	8
E. Anderson/Con	5	7	12	14
D. Kropf/Con	7	4	11	4

Dewayne Kropf
Member of the men's hockey team



Kropf led the Condors to a 5-3 victory over Peterborough with two goals and three assists.

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